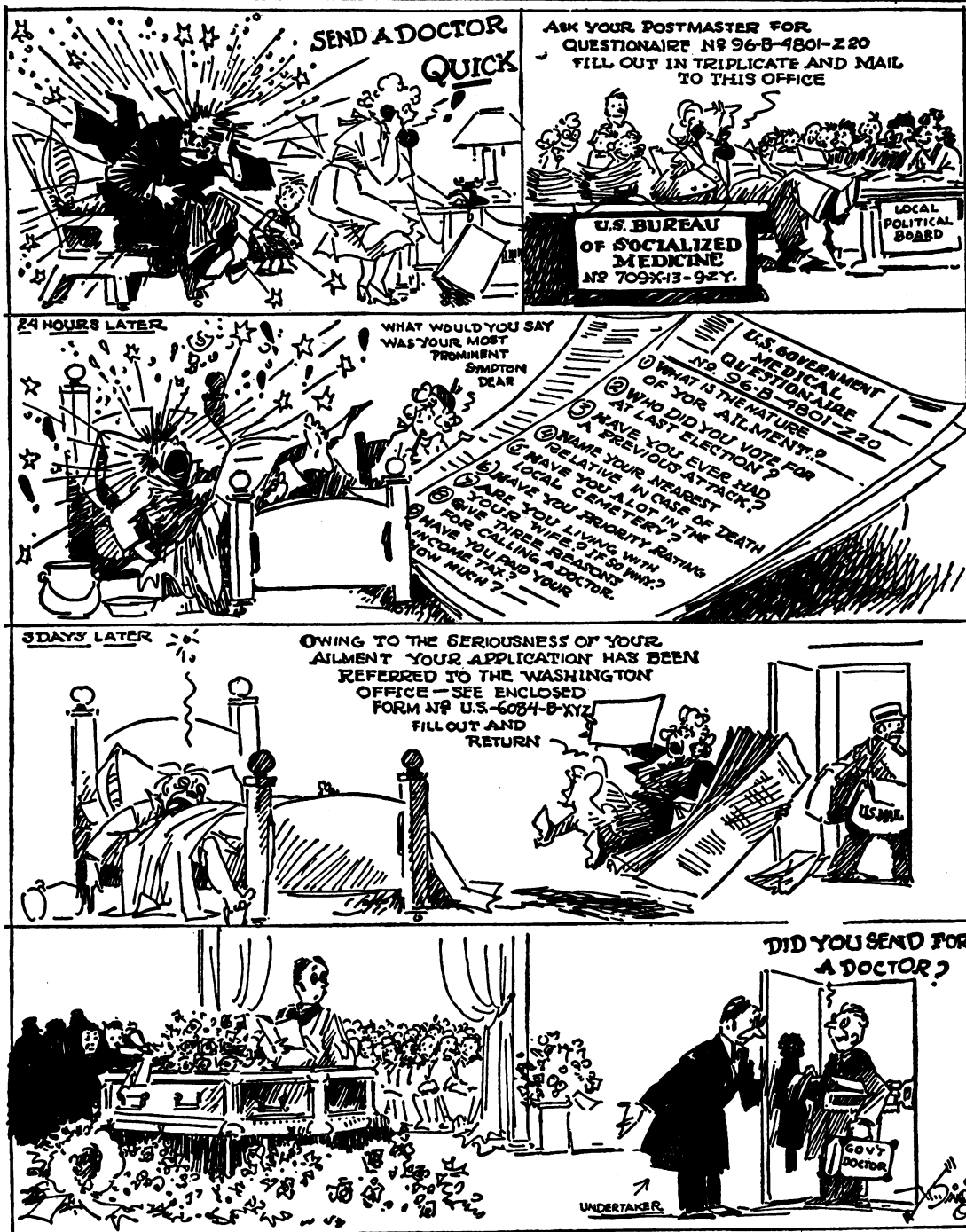


WHEN THE GOVERNMENT "SOCIALIZES" MEDICINE



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Will Medical Practice Be Run From Washington?

Does the country desire the federalization of the practice of medicine?

If not, a very near approach to some such system is contained in the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, now before Congress.

Under this bill, the insurance, unemployment, and old-age benefits provided in the Social Security Act would be extended to include medical care.

Limited hospitalization also is included in the provisions of the measure. . . .

And that brings up the question of costs.

How is such a grandiose scheme to be financed?

It is proposed to amend the Social Security Act so 6 per cent of every employee's salary up to \$3,000 shall be withheld from his pay envelope, this to be matched by a contribution from the employer.

And one man would be given practically unrestricted administration of this tremendous sum.

No one denies there are defects in the existing system of ministering to the sick. But this proposed cure, creating as it does a great federal medical machine at enormous costs to the taxpayers, appears to be a worse evil than any ills which exist.—Fresno Bee, December 27, 1943.